**Upward Adjustment in the State Plan of West Bengal**

256. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the West Bengal Government has asked the Planning Commission to make an upward adjustment in the State Plan in view of the Haldia Petro-chemicals complex which is to be implemented within the next five years; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and whether State Government's request has been acceded to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Finance Minister of West Bengal Government had written to Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission that the Haldia Petro-chemicals complex would be taken up by the State Government jointly with a private party and public financial institutions at a cost of about Rs. 700 crores and requested the Planning Commission to consider appropriate upward adjustment in the State's Plan to provide for the State's share in the project cost.

A reply has been furnished to the Finance Minister, West Bengal that any upward adjustment of the State Plan from the level already agreed will depend on the extent of additional resources that the State Government would be able to mobilise over and above the extent already taken into account for the agreed Plan size.

**Political Settlement of the Punjab Problem**

257. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the steps taken by Government during the last three months to ease the situation in Punjab and for a political settlement?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B CHAVAN): Several steps have been taken in this regard which include release of a number of Akali leaders and other persons after reviewing their cases, lifting of ban on All India Sikh Students' Federation and holding of judicial inquiry into allegations in regard to the incidents of organised violence in Delhi following the assassination of late Prime Minister, Smt. Indira Gandhi. Some major economic decisions were announced regarding setting up of Integral Coach Factory in Punjab early completion of work on the Thien Dam and bonus to Punjab farmers for their wheat. It was also announced that a Zonal Cultural Centre would be set up in Punjab.

**Absconding of Delhi Businessmen associated with extremist activities**

258. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 11 Delhi businessmen who were charged with buying foreign currency worth Rs. 1.2 crores and remitting it to Mexico for extremist activities absconded after getting anticipatory bail; and

(b) if so, what steps were taken by Government to prevent the escape of accused?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN):